

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2022

For the Council meeting of November 24, 2022, the Committee recommends the following:

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 1175 C Douglas Street: Application to Increase the Occupant Load associated with a Liquor Primary Licence for Peacock Billiards (Downtown)

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Peacock Billiards to increase the occupant load associated with their liquor primary licence from 52 to 102 people where existing hours for licenced service are retained and are 11am to 1:30am daily, acknowledging the establishment also holds a food primary licence which is not proposed to change, and that the proposed increase of 50 people would result in a total licenced capacity of 280 people where both licences are considered.

The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:

The impact of noise on the community near the establishment was considered in relation to the request to increase the occupant load by 50 people and approval of the licence is not expected to result in unacceptable levels of noise.

- a. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
- b. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 744 owners and occupants, the City received four letters including one from the Downtown Residents Association and all were supportive of the application.
- c. Council recommends to the Province that the liquor primary licence be approved as proposed.

E.2 537 Johnson Street: New Liquor Primary Licence for Friends of Dorothy Cocktail Lounge (Downtown)

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Friends of Dorothy, located at 537 Johnson Street, for a new liquor primary licence having hours of operation from 9am to 12am daily, with enclosed patio hours of 9am to 10pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 11pm Friday and Saturday, having a total occupant load of 105 people including a 22-person enclosed patio.

The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:

The impact of noise on the community near the establishment was considered in relation to the request, and the recommended hours and occupant load at the establishment's location are intended to help mitigate impacts identified through the public notification process.

- a. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
- b. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 565 owners and occupants, the City received ten letters in response to the notification: nine respondents expressed concern and one expressed support. A letter from the Downtown Residents Association (DRA) indicated that they had not received wider public input and recommended the provision of more information to assist in better understanding applications.
- c. Council recommends to the Province that the liquor primary licence be approved as recommended.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.2 2023 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule

That Council approve the 2023 Committee of the Whole and Council meeting schedule attached to this report and make it available to the public as required under Section 127 of the Community Charter.